limited lengths of a few State Highways as National Highways during the course of the Tenth Five Year Plan, keeping in view traffic needs, *inter-se* priority and availability of funds, after the ban is lifted.

Incidents of robbery in Mumbai-Pune Expressway

1020. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a spate of incidents involving highway robbery/ambush on Mumbai-Pune Expressway;

(b) whether the expressway users pay Rs. 100/- per trip to use this stretch and if so whether adequate security surveillance measures are provided for by the NHAI on this important highway; and

(c) whether such measures have been included in the packages for Golden Quadrilateral and East-West and North-South Corridor projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) (B.C. KHANDURI)]: (a) and (b) Mumbai-Pune Expressway is being operated by Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation Limited (MSRDC) under the State Government of Maharashtra. National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) is not involved in its operation. As per the information made available by MSRDC some incidents of highway robbery have been reported and additional security measures have been provided on the Expressway.

(c) Provision of highway patrolling has been made by NHAI in the operation and maintenance contract for the aggregate length of 1070 kms of completed 4-laned sections under National Highways Development Project (NHDP).

National Highways in NER

1021. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the National Highways in the North Eastern Region as on the 31st October, 2002, District-wise; and

(b) the details of the Central Financial assistance for maintenance, widening and development of National Highways in the NER during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) (B.C. KHANDURI)]: (a) The National Highways are developed and maintained State-wise and not district-wise. The datails of the National Highways in the North-Eastern States are as follows:—

Name of State	National Highway Nos. passing through the State	Total length of National Highways (in kms.)
Arunachal Pradesh	52, 52A & 153	422
Assam	31, 31B, 31C, 36, 37, 37A, 38, 39, 44, 51, 52, 52A, 52B, 53, 54, 61, 62, 151, 152, 153 & 154	2787
Manipur	39, 53 &150	971
Meghalaya	40, 44, 51 & 62	706
Mizoram	44A, 54, 54A, 54B, 150 & 154	915
Nagaland	36, 39, 61 & 150	469
Tripura	44 & 44A	442

(b) The funds allocated for maintenance, widening and development of National Highways in the North Eastern States during the last three years are as follows:—

Year	Funds allocated (Rs. in lakh)
1999-2000	27811.27
2000-2001	30679.16
2001-2002	39610.27

Repair of damaged bridges in Assam

1022. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the bridges on the various National Highways in Assam damaged during the last three years;